

POLAND-USSR: Jaruzelski's Visit Ends

Premier Jaruzelski returned home yesterday after two days of talks in Moscow. Warsow's continued delay in covering the interest payments overdue to Western banks from 1981 may bring default nearer.

Polish and Soviet leaders yesterday concluded their two-day summit with a communique in which the Poles renewed their loyalty to Moscow and to "socialism" and pledged to "cut short resolutely" any future efforts to disrupt Poland's economic and political system.

The communique mentioned the "vital significance" of dependable deliveries of fuel and raw materials and said that Moscow will continue to support and assist the Poles. Warsaw promised to "make efforts" to ensure balanced Soviet-Polish trade. In addition, the two sides noted that CEMA is ready to help Poland.

Moscow and Warsaw criticized US interference in Poland's internal affairs, particularly the "sordid attempts" to use the CSCE followup conference in Madrid for this purpose.

Meanwhile, unidentified Soviet sources have told that the USSR agreed during Jaruzelski's visit to provide Poland with more aid than was called for in the protocol of early January. The sources did not indicate how much additional aid would be provided, or in what form.

Comment: The communique, as well as the visit as a whole, is reminiscent of the pre-Solidarity era. opaque language, lack of detail, and the conformity of views reveal little about the course of discussion.

The brief reference to balanced trade in the communique suggests that Moscow will not be generous with its help. Additional aid could take several forms. Moscow might allow the Poles to run a trade deficit in 1982 larger than the 1.2 billion rubles agreed to in January, provide hard currency credits, or accelerate deliveries

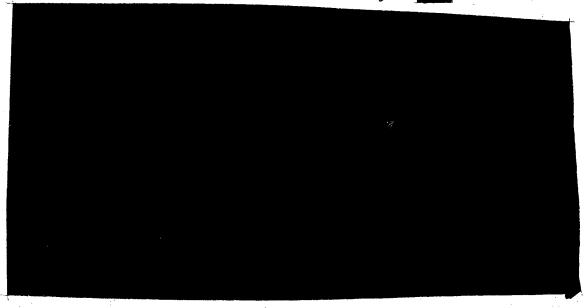
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of Soviet goods. Rather than a single, large commitment, Moscow probably prefers to dole out additional aid piecemeal and to base its decisions on the course of events in Poland in order to maximize its leverage.



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